

## Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services

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## Dear Initial Applicant:

This is in response to your inquiry regarding participation in the Medicare program as a provider of outpatient physical therapy and/or speech pathology services (OPT/SP). The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services/Unit of Home Care and Rehabilitative Standards assists the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) in determining whether clinics and agencies in this State meet the Medicare requirements. To participate as a provider of services, the clinic or agency will be required to satisfy certain requirements relating to clinical records, policies governing the services provided, state or local licensure, plan of care for each patient that is periodically reviewed by a physician, adequate facilities and equipment to carry out a program of treatment, and a sufficient number of properly qualified personnel.

You will need to contact one of the following fiscal intermediaries (FI) for completion of a CMS-855 form in order to be approved to receive Medicare reimbursement: Mutual of Omaha at 402/351-4998 or Tri-Span at 601/664-4399.

Enclosed is a copy of the Disclosure of Ownership form (CMS-1513), Request to Establish Eligibility (CMS-1856) and instructions for completing the form. You will also find the fiscal intermediary preference form, two (2) copies of the Assurance of Compliance (HHS-690), two (2) copies of the CMS-1561, the Health Insurance Agreement, which your organization will be expected to enter into with the Department of Health and Human Services if you qualify for participation. If you wish to participate in the program, please complete and return all of the enclosed forms to our office.

Following an on-site survey, this unit will recommend to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services your certification status. **Under no circumstance can any agency be reimbursed retroactively for services furnished to Medicare clients prior to the date of the survey.** The earliest possible date of certification and resultant reimbursement is the date of the survey and ONLY if the agency is in full compliance with all requirements of the program with no deficiencies. If the agency has standard level deficiencies, the earliest possible date of certification and resultant reimbursement is the date your agency submits an acceptable Plan of Correction approved by the surveyor, (signed and dated) for all deficiencies cited. If your agency is out of compliance with the condition level requirements, this office will not recommend the agency be certified in the Medicare program and CMS will notify your agency in writing regarding this action.

Should you have any questions or if we can be of any assistance, please contact me at 573/751-6336. Additional information is available on our website at http://www.dhss.state.mo.us/Home Health.

Sincerely,

Lisa Coots, R.N., Administrator Unit of Home Care and

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